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KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

They Are Making Extensive Arrange-

ments for Their Trip to Bing-

hamton on Oct. 8.

For several weeks considerable in-

terest and anticipation have been

manifest in commercial traveler cir-

cles about the extensive festivities

which will attend the corner-stone

laying of the Commercial Travelers'

home at Binghamton, Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Last evening the board of trade room

was filled with enthusiastic members

of the Scranton branch, which per-

formed extensive arrangements for

their trip and stay in the Parlor City.

Monday, Oct. 8, at 3 p. m. the

Wilkes-Barre and Scranton branches

with Governor Patterson and staff and

accompanied by Bane's band will

leave here on a special Delaware,

Lackawanna and Western train. Tues-

day morning a special excursion train

will leave this city at 9 o'clock. The

fare for the round trip will be \$1.50.

Tickets are now on sale at all the lead-

ing hotels, Moses' cigar store, Shor's

& Flynn's, or may be obtained the day

of the excursion at the depot.

Next week Wednesday and Saturday

evenings the local drummers will be

drilled by Captain James O'Hara at

the armory. A special meeting will

be held at the board of trade room

Tuesday evening, Oct. 2.

It is announced that from 15,000 to

20,000 commercial travelers will par-

ticipate in the Binghamton parade.

The ceremony attending the corner

stone laying is to be conducted accord-

ing to the impressive Masonic ritual,

participated in by a large number of

the most prominent Masons and Sir Knights

in the country. Among the distin-

guished guests who will be banquipped

by the citizens of Binghamton are

President Cleveland, Governors Flower,

McKinley and Patterson, Chancellor M.

Dwyer, Royal Warrant Grand Master

TROUBLE OF FOSTERS

Proceedings for Divorce Give Them an Oppor-

tunity to Air It.

TESTIMONY WAS VERY FILTHY

Husband Made Most Damaging

Charges Against His Wife—She

Admitted That She Choked Him.

Suit of Thomas Rich, of Jermy,

Against the Delaware and Hudson

Canal Company—Dr. Burr Wants to

Recover His Property.

Luther Foster, an undersized, long-

haired Dunmore man, was on the stand

in court room No. 2 yesterday after-

noon and told a story of the domestic

trouble which led him to apply for a

divorce from his wife, Nancy Oliver

Foster, who he says has been unfaith-

ful to him. Mr. Foster denies the

charge and says that yesterday after-

noon sworn before Judge Furst of

Centre county to determine the truth

of the matter.

Mr. Foster was married to Miss

Nancy Oliver on Jan. 29, 1875, and for

several years they lived together hap-

pily. Four children were born to

them only two of whom, a boy and a

girl, are now living. About four years

ago Mr. Foster says his wife began to

manifest a great fondness for attend-

ing balls and picnics without him.

Finally he remonstrated with her and

insisted on accompanying her to these so-

cial events.

She consented to allow him to go to a

ball in Odd Fellows' hall, Dunmore,

with her, but some time after they ar-

rived at the hall she left him and went

with a man who was intoxicated,

and remained with him over an hour.

Mr. Foster says he told Mr. Foster

that the man had insulted her twice.

He asked her why she did not at once

leave him and according to his version

replied that she was not going to leave

her friend for that.

FOSTER WAS DISCREET.

Some time later he found his wife

and a man in a laurel clump near his

house. He did not know what he might

do, but as soon as his wife's companion

moved away he gave chase, and to use

his own language, "would have killed

him only for he ran like a locomotive."

Mr. Foster then proceeded with a

tale that reeked with nastiness, while

his wife, a tall angular lady, sat at the

table with her attorney, Cornelius

Smith, and cried. She was plainly

dressed in black with a blue sash and

surmounting her black hair. She is a

woman with some claims to beauty and

is intelligent and vivacious in appear-

ance.

Mr. Foster is a small, garrulous little

fellow who, from his own testimony,

is a queer combination of discretion

and bravery. According to his story,

the way he submitted to the conduct

and whims of his wife, reflects more

credit on the evenness of his temper-

ment than on his qualities as a man.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Foster have

not lived as man and wife for some

time, they still reside in the

same house at Dunmore. It is Foster's

house and he says he cannot get his

wife to leave it. She insists on re-

maining there and does a portion of the

household work.

SOME OF FOSTER'S WITNESSES.

John Randolph swore that he saw a

man with his arm around Mrs. Foster's

arm on this note, it being agreed be-

tween himself and Dr. Burr that as

soon as the property had earned \$3,000

it should be turned over to the doctor.

Some time later Mr. Kase sold the

property to H. Stone for \$3,350. It is

maintained by the plaintiff that this

was not a bona fide sale, and that the

property at the time was worth more

than \$10,000. The defendants deny all

of the allegations made by the plain-

tiff and strongly assert that the sale to

Mr. Stone was strictly bona fide. The

trial will consume the greater part of

today.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

[Under this heading short letters of interest

will be published when accompanied for pub-

lication by the writer's name. THE TRIBUNE

will not be held responsible for opinions here

expressed.]

ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE.

Editor of THE TRIBUNE:

Sir: Mosquitoes are small, but who

permits them to become too familiar?

For plain George Carter to reply to T. J.

Davies, Mus. Bac., may seem impertinent,

but there are so many mosquitoes in his

letter in yesterday's TRIBUNE, I am forced

to reply.

As to my "ability to judge," can simply

reply that a good tree bears good fruit,

and if the pupils of Mr. Davies have the

"temperament, the talents, emotion and

poetical feeling, together with ample ap-

plication and good judgment," then this

proves my assertion of bad instruction,

very bad, or where is there a "Ben Dav-

ies," "Edward Lloyd's," "Watson

Smith," etc., who could not have had more

ability than his pupils (Davies) as he de-

scribes them.

If the Welsh are such great teachers,

why did the array of Welsh singers study

in England with "Rendegger"? "Give me

the Welsh students," says Rendegger:

"you can have all other comers." If I

was a vocal teacher, I would like Davies,

Smith, etc., but of the choice given me I

prefer the choice of Mr. Davies as he de-

scribes them.

Evidently Mr. Davies believes every-

thing the newspapers say. If so, how

about the article upon the Haydn Evans

party, entertained by the "Wales" as

paraphrased by Rendegger yesterday?

Who is "Dr. Parry Jones"? I am not

acquainted with the gentleman.

As to my ability to judge music is ques-

tioned. I think my re-employment at Elm

Park church is sufficient evidence of the

satisfactory performance of my duties. As

to "light-reading," who ever heard of

Radewski playing in light, or light singing

at night, or both giving a play at night?

When we go to a concert we expect to

hear finished work, and who would pay

to hear a few scattered notes as signifi-

cantly as "Wales" as paraphrased by

Rendegger yesterday? I do not play

Thank God I prefer to be a student. No

doubt many of them could deliver selec-

tions at sight, but who ever heard of either

doing so in public? All artists insist upon

time to prepare, as does the druggist to

compound a prescription.

The article in the London Times in re-

gard to my playing was a gross misrep-

resentation of facts in Scranton. True, this

is one of the hymns of the church, whose

servant I am, and "Home Sweet Home,"

often sung by "Pat" arranged for organ by

"Dudley Buck." Bless you, but I do not

play this air with the organ as an exam-

ple.

MATTER IS DECIDED.

Board of Control Adopts Commu-

tee's Recommendations to Make

High School Fire Proof.

A brief but important session of the

board of control was held last night.

The report of the special high school

committee was adopted. Mr. Worm-

ser presided in the absence of President

Von Storck.

The board's attorney, ex-Judge

Henry A. Knapp, made a suggestion to

shortly ago to certain officers of the

Lackawanna township school board

and in a letter to last night's meeting

recommended that the Lackawanna

board's proposition, which follows, be

accepted, and thus get a portion of the

expense, at least, of maintaining the

schools in Bellevue for the current

year.

The resolution of the Minooka school

board, mentioned by Judge Knapp,

was referred to the finance committee

as follows:

At a regular meeting of the Lackawanna

township school board it was resolved to

turn the Bellevue tax over to the city

school board, less commission for col-

lection, providing they support the schools.

PATRICK HIGGINS,

Secretary of School Board.

The teachers' committee recom-